Associate of Applied Science Degree In Nursing

Nursing Applicant Information Guide

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National League of Nursing
Center of Excellence Designation, 2018 – 2023
Category: Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development

Application for Admission   Revised January 2022

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This Arizona Board of Nursing approved program is designed to prepare the student for beginning employment as a staff nurse providing direct care to patients. Upon successful completion of the program, an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing is awarded and the graduate is eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Classes are offered in Thatcher and through a partnership with Gila County Community College in Globe and Payson. The program permits students to enter or exit the program based on student needs, space availability, and time limitations. Entry into the nursing program requires formal admission. Admission procedures can be obtained from the Nursing Department, (928) 428-8396.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A total of 72 credits are required for the Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing. The program does not necessitate completion in a two-year span; however, all credits must be completed to apply for graduation. General education courses may be taken concurrently with the specified semester nursing courses or prior to admittance into the nursing program. Nursing courses must be taken in sequence. A grade of "B" or better in core nursing (NUR) and "C" or better in general education courses are required.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to pursue a degree in nursing should expect to spend a minimum of 45 hours per week for each nursing course to include skills labs, clinicals, and study. If additional pre- or co-requisite classes are needed, additional time is strongly encouraged for successful completion. Clinical experiences consist of 8-12-hour day, evening, or weekend assignments which may include several out-of-town rotations per semester. Students are responsible for their own transportation and travel expenses. **All nursing courses must be passed with a "B" or better and all pre and co-requisites must be passed with the minimum of a "C" for students to remain in the program**. It is therefore important that additional activities and employment be limited.

During clinical experiences nursing students must be able to perform essential physical activities. At a minimum, students must be able to lift 50 pounds, stand for several hours, perform bending activities, hear and differentiate heart and breath sounds, and identify different skin tones. At times, the clinical experience may induce significant mental and emotional stress as students undertake responsibilities and duties that impact clients' lives. Students should be prepared to demonstrate rational and professional behavior under demanding conditions. Individuals should carefully consider the mental and physical demands of the program prior to applying.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Class materials are offered in multiple formats: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Adobe Acrobat. Google Chrome is the recommended browser for ATI Learning System. Computer labs are available on all 3 campuses (Globe, Payson and Thatcher) for students who do not have computers or the recommended programs. A small fee may be required for printing and labs may be reserved for class use or testing.

Canvas: https://www.eac.edu/ctl/canvas.shtm
Canvas Support: canvassupport@eac.edu
ATI: www.atitesting.com
ATI Informatic Support: 800 667-7531 (7A-7P CST)
The Point: CoursePoint+: http://thepoint.lww.com/
The Point Help Center: 1-800-468-1128 or techsupp@lww.com

COMMUNICATION
Students should expect communication by email through EAC's Monster Mail and/or Canvas for class announcements, study materials, and communication needing student follow-up. Students are responsible to check their email daily.

LIBRARY
Online resources including Full Text Peer Reviewed Journals may be accessed off campus using your student monster-ID and password. For Micromedex you will be asked for another username and password. Passwords are changed each semester. Contact the EAC Alumni Library for updated passwords at https://eac.libguides.com/libraryhome/.

PROGRAM OUTCOME GOALS

1. 45% of all students that begin in the first nursing course, after acceptance into the program, will complete the program within four (4) semesters, which is 100% of the usual timeframe for the nursing program. In addition, 65% of all students that begin in the first nursing course, after acceptance into the program, will complete within six (6) semesters, which is 150% of the usual timeframe for the nursing program.
2. The most recent annual pass rate will be at least 90% for all first-time test-takers from January 1 to December 31 every year.
3. 90% of all graduate respondents will report employment as registered nurses within twelve (12) months of graduation.

ADMISSION SELECTION
Selection for admission is competitive and based upon completion of all admission requirements including **pre requisites with grades of "C" or better**. Anonymity is assured by removing all candidate identifying factors before submission to the Nursing Admissions and Review Committee. Completion of pre-/co-requisites, health care work experience, pre and co-requisite grades of A or B, and higher math, reading, and Nursing Entrance exam scores improve applicant ranking but do not guarantee acceptance. Top ranking applicants are accepted into the program. A list of alternates is also selected. These candidates maintain their alternate status through the first week of classes pending opening admission slots. **Alternates not chosen and applicants not selected into the Nursing Program must reapply.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Completed Nursing Program Application for Admission
- EAC Reading Competency Test (Accuplacer NEXT GEN score) of 263 or greater
- TEAS Assessment Nursing Entrance Exam with a minimum composite score of proficient. For information about testing dates and times call 928-428-8396 for the Thatcher campus, (928) 425-8481 for Globe and (928) 468-8039 for the Payson campus.
  There is a limit to the TEAS testing, two times per semester, and four times within a year. The TEAS test must be dated within a year of application.
- Study guides are available in the bookstore, online or at the Nursing Education Center.

- Background check with a valid DPS level one fingerprint clearance card **AND** a background check processed through Corporate Screening - www.VerifyStudents.com use code EAST95A7
- Applicants working in healthcare, desiring credit toward admission, may provide a letter from their employer indicating position held, work quality, responsibility, and duration at that healthcare facility. The work in healthcare must be within the last two years.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
(*Documentation of admission requirements are due in the Thatcher Nursing office by 2 business days prior to the start of the semester or the applicant's admission slot is forfeited.*)

- Meet admission requirements to Eastern Arizona College
- Current American Heart Association CPR Basic Life Support (BLS) card
- Current Arizona **Licensed Nursing Assistant** number in good standing
- Meet the minimum math requirements set forth by the Nursing Program by demonstrating competency through testing or course completion (HCE 116) in addition to math requirements outlined below
- Complete Immunization Record and Nursing Physical Form *
- Urine drug screen through www.VerifyStudents.com (Corporate Screening)
- Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card
- Transcript verification of the following **prerequisites with grades of "C" or better**:
    - CHM 130 or higher (CHM 138 Preferred)
    - Math placement score into MAT 154 or MAT 100 or higher
    - PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
    - BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I

Waivers may be available-EAC nursing staff will assist students to work through the clinical partner to request waivers. Note that not all clinical partners have a defined process for requesting an exemption.

BACKGROUND CLEARANCE: All Eastern Arizona College healthcare students are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screen. Previous background checks and drug screens are not valid. The college will send information on how and when to obtain these requirements. Enrollment is contingent on passing disposition on the background check. Once admitted, students have a duty to immediately report to the Program Director any arrests, convictions, placement on exclusion databases, suspension, removal of the DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card or removal or discipline imposed on any professional license or certificate at any time during enrollment in the program. Any student who loses eligibility to participate in clinical experiences due to inability to meet program requirements will be withdrawn from the program.

At all times during enrollment students must obtain and maintain BOTH a valid Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card and a passing disposition on the Certified Background check. Admission requirements related to background checks are subject to change as mandated by clinical experience partners.

NOTE: (Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606(B)(16), an applicant for professional or practical nurse license by examination is not eligible for licensure if the applicant has one or more felony convictions and who has not received an absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions three or more years before the date of filing an application. If the applicant cannot prove that the absolute discharge date is three or more years before the date of filing the application, the Board of Nursing cannot process the application.) ARS§ 32-1663 Section A "the Board may DENY any license applied for under this chapter if the applicant commits an act of unprofessional conduct."

TRANSFERS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students requesting transfer from another nursing program or advanced placement will be considered as space is available. Applicants must pass skills evaluation for the specific level of admission. In addition to the skills evaluation, advanced placement students must pass the standardized final written exam of the course previous to the one they are testing into with a score of 80% or above. Test dates for the exam and skill evaluation will be announced after application due dates.

Students transferring credits from other colleges must have **official** transcripts sent directly to the EAC Records Office, Eastern Arizona College, 615 N. Stadium Avenue, Thatcher, AZ 85552 for evaluation. Students transferring credits from out-of-state schools must also submit course descriptions. Receipt of transcripts may take up to 2-3 weeks. Verification of receipt can be made by calling the Records Office at (928) 428-8270. If transcripts have not been received, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the former institution(s). Following transcript evaluation, information will be available to the Nursing Office and a copy will be sent to the applicant. Please allow two to three weeks for this process. Only credits from regionally accredited institutions identified in the EAC Academic Catalog will be evaluated. Transfer credit may be awarded for courses at the freshman level (100 level) or higher with grades of "C" or better.

Transcripts to EAC from other colleges must be on the student official course record at Eastern Arizona College to receive points.

A student transferring to another institution must be aware that credits earned from Eastern Arizona College are transferable to other colleges and universities at the discretion of the receiving institutions. It is beneficial for students to complete the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Nursing degree, as most universities will accept this degree. If a student desires to transfer prior to completion of the AAS Nursing degree, courses will be evaluated individually by the accepting institution.

LPNs seeking advanced placement are eligible to apply for NUR 130. Applicants must meet the following prerequisite requirements: BIO 201, 202, ENG 101, 102, HCE 241, NUR 219 and provide proof of LPN in good standing. Advanced placement applicants who have not been actively employed in health care or attended a nursing school within the last five years will not be considered for advanced placement admission.

Additional information can be obtained from the EAC Nursing Office located in the Nursing Education Center or by calling (928) 428-8396.

PROGRESSION/RETENTION IN THE PROGRAM

Students advance through the nursing program when each nursing core **and** co-requisite course is successfully completed (indicated with * in Course Sequencing). General study courses may be taken at any time but must be completed prior to taking the PN or RN NCLEX. All nursing courses must be passed with a grade of "B" or better in core nursing (NUR) and "C" or better in general education courses are required.

Theory and clinical components of each course are interdependent. If a student fails to meet competency in either, both components must be repeated.

COURSE SEQUENCE FOR ACCEPTED APPLICANTS
Nursing courses must be completed with a "B" or better and co-requisites with a "C" or better for advancement to the next phase of the program.

Uncompleted co-requisites and nursing courses should progress as follows:

First Semester		Credit Hours
NUR 120	Nursing One	9
BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
NUR 219	Pharmacology for Nursing	3
	Total	16

Second Semester		
NUR 130	Nursing Two	9
ENG 101	Written Communications I	3
HCE 240	Human Pathophysiology	4
	Total	16

Third Semester		
NUR 240	Nursing Three	9
ENG 102	Written Communications II	3
HCE 241	Nutrition	3
	Total	15

Fourth Semester		
NUR 250	Nursing Four	10
BIO 205	Microbiology	4
	Total	14

ADDITIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

Nursing is a difficult course of study. Students intending to pursue it should expect to spend a minimum of 45 hours per week in nursing and co-requisite classes, skills labs, clinicals, and study. Students may participate in class activities via interactive television (ITV). Clinical experiences consist of 8-12 hour day, evening, or weekend assignments which may include several out-of-town rotations per semester. (Students are responsible for their own transportation and travel expenses.) **All nursing courses must be passed with a "B" or better and all pre and co-requisites must be passed with the <u>minimum</u> of a "C" for students to remain in the program**. It is therefore important that additional activities and employment be limited.

During clinical experiences nursing students must be able to perform a number of physical activities. At a minimum, students will be required to lift patients (50 pounds), stand for several hours at a time, perform bending activities, hear heart and breath sounds, and identify different skin tones (pale, ashen, bluish). The clinical nursing experience also places students under considerable mental and emotional stress as they undertake responsibilities and duties impacting clients' lives. Students must be able to demonstrate rational and appropriate behavior under stressful conditions. Individuals should therefore give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program prior to making application.

Select student information (such as immunizations, CPR certification, etc.) may be shared with clinical partners to meet regulatory requirements. These requirements **<u>MUST</u>** be uploaded into our technology partner, MyClinicalExchange to be eligible to attend clinicals.

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE EAC NURSING PROGRAM

Tuition for full time tuition x 4 semesters; (Arizona resident)
  (3 semesters of $810.00/semester, and one semester of $900/semester) $3330.00
Nursing Fee ($375 per semester X 4 semesters) $1500.00
Technology Fee   400.00
ATI Fee (approximately $125 per semester X 4 semesters)   500.00
Textbooks estimate $1500.00
Corporate Screening Costs $ 104.00
Nursing pin estimate (Optional) $ 50.00
Uniforms, clinical supplies and clinical travel and lodging expenses (estimate) $1500.00
Total estimated cost of EAC nursing program $8884.00
Fees may vary by location and the above is only an estimate and may change

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION

Completed applications (with required documentation of all application requirements) must be submitted to the Eastern Arizona College Nursing Office, located in the Nursing Education Center (615 N. Stadium Avenue, Thatcher, AZ 85552-0769) by 5:00 PM **October 1st** for January admission and by 5:00 PM **April 1st** for August admission. **No late or incomplete applications are accepted.** *Applicants are responsible for verifying completeness of their files by the date required by contacting the Nursing office at (928) 428-8396.*

Nursing Program Application for Admission

Due by October 1ˢᵗ for January Admission and by April 1ˢᵗ for August Admission Consideration

Name _____ EAC ID # _____ Date of Birth_____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail _____
Applying for which campus(es): (Rank in priority order)   Thatcher _____   Globe _____   Payson _____
Submit copies of documentation for the following requirements

1. ☐ ATI TEAS test date taken _____ (Provide copy of test results)

2. ☐ EAC reading placement test score _____ Date Taken _____

3. ☐ American Heart Association CPR Basic Life Support certification card, Expiration Date _____

4. ☐ AZ Licensed Nursing Assistant _____ Expiration Date _____
     Certification Number (must be a LNA number in good standing)

5. If LPN Advanced Placement: LPN License #_____ Expiration Date _____

6. ☐ Background Screening at www.VerifyStudents.com (use code EAST95A7)

7. ☐ DPS Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card

8. Prerequisite courses or equivalent CLEP tests with at least a grade of "C"

    ☐ HCE 116 or Medical Dosage Score ☐ Grade _____ Date Completed _____College _____

    ☐ CHM 130 or higher   Grade _____ Date Completed _____College _____

    ☐ PSY 101 Intro to Psychology   Grade _____ Date Completed _____College _____

    ☐ MAT 120 or placement test ☐   Grade _____ Date Completed _____College _____

    ☐ BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I Grade _____ Date Completed _____College _____

Co-requisite courses

Course Number and Title	Grade	Date Completed or **check box ☐ if In Progress**	
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	____	_____	☐ College _____
BIO 205 Microbiology	____	_____	☐ College _____
ENG 101 Written Communications I	____	_____	☐ College _____
ENG 102 Written Communications II	____	_____	☐ College _____
HCE/FCR 241 Nutrition	____	_____	☐ College _____
HCE 240 Pathophysiology	____	_____	☐ College _____
NUR 219 Pharmacology	____	_____	☐ College _____

I certify that all the information provided by me is true, complete and accurate. I am responsible for provision of all requested information. Failure to provide proper documentation may adversely affect my evaluation. I acknowledge that admission into the program is conditional upon successfully completing all requirements.

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Applicant's Signature   Date
Submit Application and documentation to: Nursing Office, Eastern Arizona College, 615 N. Stadium Ave   Thatcher, AZ 85552